

REMARKS

§101 REJECTIONS

Claims 1-6 and 16-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the rejected claims were said to be a non-statutory process because they were neither tied to another statutory category nor transformed underlying subject matter to a different state or thing.

With the present Amendment, claims 1, 16 and 17 have been amended to indicate that steps of the methods are performed by a processor. With these amendments, claims 1-6, 16 and 17 have been tied to a particular machine in another statutory category and as such represents statutory subject matter.

Based on the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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